(b) and (c) Government have no authoritative information at present.

(d) Government are maintaining a close watch over these developments and are taking all necessary steps to protect the country's security.

Reaction of the U.K. Foreign Secretary on the extradition treaty

312. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what was the reaction of the British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs on the question of Draft Extradition Treaty and the U.K. Government's patronage to the so-called Head of Government of Khalistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): The U.K. Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs stated that the British Government is studying the Indian Draft Extradition Treaty, and gave the assurance that action will be taken to curb the activities of the so-called "Khalistanis".

Persons caught while crossing the Indo-Pak Border

313. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of people who have been apprehended while crossing from Pakistan to India and vice versa during the last six months;

(b) how many of them were apprehended by the BSF;

(c) how many of them were suspected to be indulging in smuggling and how many of them were suspected known terrorists; and

(d) what are the details of weapons and ammunition seized from them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) and (b) The number of persons apprehended by the BSF while crossing from Pakistan to India and vice versa during the period from 1st October, 1985 to 31st March, 1986 was 8,547.

(c) 401 persons were suspected to be indulging in illegal activities.

(d) 7 pistols, 2 guns, 3 rifles, 157 live rounds and ammunition and 32 employ cartridges were seized from them.

Radiation hazards in the area around Bharat Electronics Limited Unit in Ghaziabad

314. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent press reports that the area around Ghaziabad, where a unit of Bharat Electronics Limited is located, is subject to radiation hazards; and

(b) whether any investigations have been made in this regard and remedial steps taken for the safety of the people residing in the locality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND DEFENCE SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter has been looked into both by the Government and the Company. As a measure of caution experts from Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Bombay have carried out measurement and tests on the levels of X-ray and microwave radiations at the request of BEL. The measurements have confirmed that the levels are far below the internationally acceptable safe limits. There is therefore no safety hazards to the people residing in the locality.